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Art Unit: 3628

Title: DOOR HANDLE WITH
INTERCHANGEABLE GRAPHIC
DISPLAY

Examiner: DAVIS, C.

Date Filed: 08/05/99

Serial No.: 09/370,133

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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09 / 370,133filed on 08/05/99, entitled Door Handle With Interchangeable Graphic Display**NOTES**

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

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3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).

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b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.

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a. ☐ PTO-1449b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

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